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SIGNALS WHICH HAVE OUTLIVED THEIR LIVES
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the signaling gear of the signals have outlived their lives at more than 1500 railway stations;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the number of accidents that have taken place on account of faulty signals in the country during the last three years;

(d) the steps taken/being taken by the Railways to replace these defective signals; and

(e) the time by which the said signals are likely to be replaced?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU)

(a) & (b): 1448 stations where Signalling gears had outlived their lives as on 1.4.2001, have been sanctioned for replacement under Special Railway Safety Fund. Fresh accruals are also being progressively sanctioned

(c): Accidents taken place on account of faulty Signaling equipment is as under:

Year	No. of accidents
2004-05	NIL
2005-06	1
2006-07	NIL

(d) & (e): The replacement of signaling gears at 1191 stations out of 1448 stations have been completed as on 30.9.2007 and balance stations are targeted for completion by the year 2008.